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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 09/02/06	PREVIOUS WEEK 08/26/06
Broiler/fryer	170,536	166,394
Light hens	987	981
Heavy hens	1,561	1,575

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 26-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	97	0	97
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	61	0	61
Same week yr ago	382	3	385
To-date/2006	5,726	23	5,749
To-date/2005	8,944	40	8,984

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,052	1,553	2,605
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	963	1,759	2,722
Same week yr ago	1,840	1,484	3,324
To-date/2006	43,513	50,471	93,984
To-date/2005	60,002	48,597	108,599

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 26-Sep-06 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	166,432	955	1,553	2,508
Avg Wt	5.30	3.30	8.19	6.33
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	160,682	902	1,759	2,661
Same wk yr ago	167,447	1,458	1,481	2,939
Avg Wt	5.24	3.07	8.06	5.58
To-date/2006	5,477,313	37,787	50,448	88,235
To-date/2005	5,484,261	51,058	48,557	99,615

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.5 million head, or 4.9 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-06

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	44,621	88,120	26,791
Avg Weight	3.80	5.33	6.98
% of total /1	27%	53%	16%
Last week	47,956	81,700	25,542
Avg Weight	3.87	5.35	6.98
% of total /1	30%	51%	16%
Same week, yr ago /2	48,352	85,933	24,930
Avg Weight	3.75	5.30	6.86
% of total /1	29%	51%	15%
To date/2006	1,586,751	2,685,526	774,016
To date/2005	1,649,067	2,644,403	885,849

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-06
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,873	2,776	48	1	4,755
Avg Wt	15.78	34.92	25.37	45.87	27.23
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	2,108	2,624	18	5	4,735
Same wk yr ago	1,953	2,723	9	8	4,640
Avg Wt	15.79	34.96	21.30	35.67	27.05
To-date/2006	65,244	86,669	848	160	148,223
To-date/2005	59,088	87,151	791	130	142,467

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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